



They're making Smoke Signals 'blossom out'

Chowan's student newspaper "Smoke Signals" is picking up steam with each issue, and the 12 staff members seen here are generating the enthusiasm which makes this possible. They are from left to right: Phil Edwards, sports editor; Francine Sawyer, managing editor; Pauline Robinson, society editor; Larry Matthews, Frank Granger, "Speedy" Skinner, Joan Cox, Parker Baine, Peggy Cross and Ollie Bradshaw. Seated are co-editors Tom Garner and Nancy Mohr.

Mirlo rescue story changed

By Christopher Crittenden
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Written for Associated Press
RALEIGH (AP) — Total crew 51; lost 9; saved 42. Those are the human statistics of a dramatic and heroic rescue in World War I.
The true story is told in an article, "The Mirlo Rescue," in the current issue of the North Carolina Historical Review. The author, Edwin C. Bearss, is a historian of the National Park

Service in Washington. Bearss has made his account vivid by using not only official records of the Coast Guard but also reports (from the German archives) of submarine U-117, which sank the "Mirlo," taped interviews with survivors, and other sources.
In the summer of 1918, during the last year of World War I, several German U-boats were sent to the Atlantic coast of the United States. There they wrought havoc.

On Aug. 16 Kapitanleutnant Droscher's U-117 was cruising off Hatteras when she sighted the "Mirlo," a British tanker of 6,997 tons, whose captain was William Roose Williams. The tanker had taken on a cargo of oil and gasoline at New Orleans and was heading up the east coast. Maneuvering into position, the U-boat fired a torpedo which struck the doomed vessel with a terrific explosion.
Capt. John Allen Midgett was leader of the Chicamacomico Coast Guard. One of his men, surferman Leroy Midgett, was scanning the sea with his binoculars when he saw the "Mirlo" going at full speed. At 4:40 p.m. there was an explosion and "a great mass of water shot up in the air." The "Mirlo" shortly broke in two.
The Coast Guard immediately went to work. Within 3 minutes the horses had been harnessed and hitched to the boat-wagon that carried the surfboat. In spite of breakers 18-20 feet high, the boat was launched.
Now occurred one of the most courageous and thrilling of all naval rescues. Sailing through flaming oil, with his men burning and choking from flames and smoke, Capt. Midgett and his crew were able to pull 6 sailors from the sea and then to tow two lifeboats containing 36 others to shore. The last of the survivors were landed at 9 o'clock at night, in the dark. They were immediately given first aid, food, and clothing. The next day they were taken to Norfolk.
Capt. Williams reported that Capt. Midgett and his crew had "done one of the bravest deeds which I have ever seen." Midgett and his men later were awarded many medals for bravery.

Washington shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the Secret Service orders a safe car for the president, it doesn't want seatbelts and headrests getting in the way.
This was evident in a new 21-foot, custom-built Lincoln Continental limousine received by the White House.
There are seatbelts on the forward-facing rear seats the President and his party use, but not on the front seats.
The Secret Service wanted it that way so agents can get in and out fast, said a Ford spokesman.
And the bullet-proof plate between the front and rear seats doesn't allow room for headrests, which are required on standard cars built after Jan. 1.
The cost of long, black, bomb and bullet resistant vehicle wasn't revealed. But Ford did say the government leases the car at below factory cost.
Gadgets on the car include a public address system, and a rear roof that can be opened or covered with glass, a reflective aluminum heat shield or a black vinyl top for formal occasions.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly opened Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls, N.Y., is receiving a \$5 million grant from the United States as "a token of the love and admiration Americans feel for Dwight D. Eisenhower."
President Johnson signed Monday a \$446.6 million appropriations bill containing the funds and sent Eisenhower, a patient at Walter Reed Army Hospital, a letter reading: "Surely no tribute to those qualities of yours could be more fitting than an institution of higher learning."
The school opened its doors in September with a freshman class of 295 and a faculty of 26.
Capital Quote
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
"It is the major opportunity of this century to fully professionalize law enforcement, modernize the judiciary and provide improvements in the corrections field." —Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark at swearing in ceremonies for top officials of the new Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Over \$10 million spent in education of young

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation is investing over \$10 billion in the education of its young people—college students and slum kids.
The funds, authorized in two bills due to be signed by President Johnson today, extends school and student aid programs for three years and increases funds for work training programs designed to break youngsters from slum poverty cycles.
Contained in the \$7.3-billion aid to higher education act is a provision shutting off aid to students convicted of taking part in activities which disrupt a college or university.
Violations of college regulations "of a serious nature" or a civil conviction stemming from disruptions make the student liable to lose federal assistance for two years.
The higher education bill also contains a section removing from the Office of Economic Opportunity the Upward Bound program designed to acclimate ghetto youngsters to campus atmosphere. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare takes the program over.
The \$3.1-billion vocational education bill contains a rider which some legislators said would nullify much of the \$6-billion federal spending cut decreed by Congress.
Sponsors of the rider said it was intended to remove the power of the President and his Budget Bureau to make any re-

ductions in education funds below the amounts appropriated by Congress.
The biggest authorization in the higher education bill, \$3.1 billion, would cover grants and loans for building construction.
The next biggest item in the bill, \$1.87 billion, will make funds available for direct loans to students, federal scholarships, and government insurance of private loans.
About one-quarter of the more than six million students in college use one of these forms of aid.

The bill also contains a number of new programs proposed by the administration.
These include special services for disadvantaged students, grants to strengthen graduate education, provision for cooperative arrangements among colleges in a program called "Networks for knowledge," specialized types of training for public service personnel in federal, state and local governments, and grants to provide clinical experience in preparation and trial of cases for law students.

Wallace gaining

By ALVIN TAYLOR
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Written for The AP
GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Here is the tobacco growing area of northeastern North Carolina, a George C. Wallace-dominated campaign for the 1st Congressional District seat is headed down the home stretch.
There can be no question about the popularity of the third-party Alabamian. The Wallace-for-President bumper stickers on almost every farm truck—and quite a few sleek city autos as well—attest to that.
The two candidates for the congressional seat are well aware of it, too. Reece Gardner, 36, Republican and contractor from Kinston, is attempting to

wrest the seat from Democrat Walter B. Jones, 55, of Farmville in Pitt County. If Gardner should succeed, he would do what no Republican has done since Reconstruction days.
Gardner, in what he called "putting principle above party" recently announced that he was backing Wallace for the presidency, thus forsaking his own party's nominee, Richard Nixon.
Jones hasn't repudiated the Democratic nominee, Hubert Humphrey, but, like many Democrats seeking office within the state this year, he has put all the distance he could between himself and Humphrey.
He has announced that if the presidential election is thrown into the House of Representatives he will vote for the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the district.
Jones, however, doesn't consider himself burdened by the national party's unpopularity in the district. He has voted against the liberal proposals of his party in Congress and in his speeches he has opposed school integration orders and supported law and order.
Jones can also point to the Democratic party's record of developing the farm price support program. And that carries much weight in this tobacco growing area.
Jones is known as a master politician who for years has made appearances almost anywhere a crowd might gather. This trait carried him from mayor of Farmville, to the state House of Representatives, then the State Senate and finally to Congress.
Jones has continued this approach to 1st District politicking in the campaign and he has a tremendous number of contacts in every corner of every township.
George Wallace is this year's big political factor, however. And Gardner has gone all out to capitalize on this by endorsing the third party presidential candidate.

Denmark lowers movie censorship

By BOB THOMAS
AP Movie-Television Writer
COPENHAGEN (AP) — American tourists shopping along Copenhagen's famed Walking Street get a jolt when they pass the nygade-Cinema Theater. There in living color are displayed photographs usually seen on "feelthy" post cards.
The movie, "Man's Sweetest Playthings," is advertised as "the most daring sex picture ever made" and customers are advised: "It will be banned in most countries... Play safe—see it during your stay in Copenhagen." Those who heed the admonition witness the kind of sex depiction that is seen in the United States only at men's stags.
Such films can be exhibited in Denmark without fear of reprisal as this country moves toward absolute freedom of expression in terms of sex.
A year ago, the Danish Parliament, with virtually no opposition, passed a law that virtually lifted all bans against written pornography. This fall the Parliament is expected to pass another bill doing away with the last vestige of movie censorship.
These moves are likely to be studied by other nations, especially the United States, where liberalization of centuries-old puritanical traditions has lately been hastened by a series of Supreme Court decisions.
Denmark has moved toward abolition of censorship after considerable study and public debate. A commission on criminal law reported to Parliament that it could find no proven link between pornography and corruption of sexual morals in general. One psychology professor told the commission:
"I do not think a long-time member of a nudist colony would be able to get excited by seeing the naked body of a woman." He hinted that the pornography market has reached the saturation point.

Censorship has been strongest in countries such as Ireland, Italy and the United States, where churchmen exercise a strong influence on moral issues. But in predominantly Lutheran Denmark, the church has little effect on the daily lives of the people. Lacking any clerical opposition, the anticensorship bill easily passed.
The basic reasoning was that it was insulting to tell adults what they cannot read. Restraints were continued on the availability of pornography to children.
Oddly, there has never been any censorship of television in Denmark; the television officials themselves decide what should appear on the home screen. The only complaints about the programming appear to be a few letters to newspapers by mothers critical of the violence in such U.S. series as "Bonanza" and "The Virginian." Little is said about the late-evening Scandinavian movies which include some nude scenes.

Wallace Suit dismissed by court

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A federal court judge has ruled that the state has the right to "put its own house in order" in dismissing a lawsuit charging George C. Wallace with misuse of public funds.
In rejecting the protest suit Tuesday, Dist. Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. said, "It is not clear that the allegations... make out a violation of the Constitution of the United States."
But, the judge commented, if charges that "enormous amounts of public funds, properties and personnel" have been used for Wallace's third-party campaign are true, it "would almost surely constitute a violation of Alabama law."
Rep. Bryce Graham, initiator of the lawsuit, said he will either appeal Johnson's ruling to a higher federal court or file new action at the state court level.
Johnson pointed to the state court as the proper channel for such action.
Graham, an attorney, filed the complaint Oct. 10 charging that he use of state funds for the Wallace campaign was equivalent to "unlawfully lotting the public treasury," and that it presented a "serious, clear and present danger in a breakdown of law and order in Alabama."
The Tuscumbia, Ala., legislator did not specify in the suit how the "public funds, properties and personnel" had been used, but in a separate statement to newsmen, Graham mentioned the use of state troopers as Wallace body guards and state pilots to fly his chartered plane.

First meeting of Spanish Club

The first meeting of the Spanish Club, "Los Conquistadors," was held in September at the home of its sponsor, Professor Morris Carson. Plans for the year were made and also for a Homecoming float.
The Spanish Club is provided for the second and third year Spanish students in order to bridge the gap between the cultures of this country and those of the Spanish speaking world.
Officers for the 1968-69 year were elected as follows: Bill Carr, president; Bill Matheny, vice-president; Ann Shaffer, secretary; Ronnie Dunn, treasurer; Marie Eldridge, chaplain; Jack Christian, reporter; Marth Hill, an Hugh Forrest, program chairman; Bonnie Scott and Durand Ward, social chairmen.



Now smile for the photographer!

Prof. M. Eugene Williams, chairman of the Department of Languages, appears to be telling William I. Marable, professor of English and languages that a smile won't break the camera.

Business Mirror

Reliving the past

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) — Do you remember how dazzled the neighbors were when you rolled up to the house in your new chrome-shiny automobile, its 400 horses restrained but ready, its interior as sumptuous as an old-fashioned parlor?
Want to relive that thrill? Today you do it with a tractor, perhaps one of the 14 horsepower jobs with attached lawn mower and snow thrower, electric starting, four speeds, solid state radio, chrome hubcaps...
In suburbia, two cars fail today to have the impact of just one big new car a few years ago. In 1961 17 per cent of American families owned two

cars; now its 32 per cent, too high for snobbery.
The tractor instead is the thing to raise the envy of your neighbors, to use up that leisure time constructively and, incidentally, to get the work done.
"We call it the man toy," said a spokesman for International Harvester, one of the biggest of the nearly 50 companies that make lawn tractors of one size or another. "Many buyers don't need them; they could get by with something smaller."
Studying the warranty tags that come back to the factory, the IH man finds the average purchaser is a \$12,000-a-year man owning 1/4 acre or more. But some also are two-home owners, perhaps with a vacation home in the country.
Another marketing man, from Deere & Co., claims his outfit brought out its biggest lawn tractor at 14 h.p. as something for motels and institutions. "But we can't stop homeowners from buying them," he said.
Not that any manufacturer would try to stop them. They couldn't. Demand goes up each year, and something like 300,000 might be sold in 1968. Lawns someday might be the most mechanized real estate in America, aside from federal highways.
One manufacturer estimates that nearly three million riding mowers and yard tractors now cruise suburban lawns. Make that figure 25 million if you count the old machines, the low prestige types, the power mowers you must walk behind.
And just as on the highway, there's a real horsepower battle out on the lawn. For a while the industry seemed to stall at a top range of 14 h.p. Then this month one manufacturer announced a 15 h.p. job.
Will others now be content with their 14 horses? Likely not, for each year, marketing studies show, people trade up to bigger models.



'Let's look "purty" for the man!'

Tom Garner, left, a freshman and veteran as well as co-editor of Smoke Signals, gets together with Grant Upchurch to "give the photographer a break." Okay, fellows, here's the results.

Mrs. Larson goes to Chapel Hill

Mrs. Larson, English professor and head of the Department of Drama, traveled to Chapel Hill Oct. 26 to attend the director's meeting and work shop for the Carolina Dramatic Association.
Various speakers were presented and demonstrations of different phases of the theater were shown. In the evening a musical "The Most Happy Fella" was produced by the Carolina Playmakers in Memorial Hall.



"Come on, please take our picture!"

Dressed out in their Sunday best, this group of aspiring young stationed themselves in front of Marks Hall and insisted on the photographer taking their picture. Here is the end result with no names being mentioned.